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not appear when it was written, "more than fifteen years" ago. There is need enough of it now; but it meets a demand which was then still more urgent. It will now be a precious auxiliary in the good work, in which it might then have taken almost the initiative. It is an earnest appeal to the members of the author's own denomination against sectarianism. It commends all true Christians, not only to the personal respect and affection of those whom he addresses, but to their sympathy and furtherance in the establishment and support of Christian institutions and enterprises of every description. It deprecates the New England habit of founding new churches, not in destitute and benighted communities, but where, and because, the existing churches are prosperous; so that a village, all whose inhabitants might be accommodated in a single place of worship, bristles with three or four spires, while the funds wasted in this mutually injurious rivalry are imperatively required for the common cause of evangelical propagandism. We are solicitous that the book should be extensively read, both on account of the sectarian follies which it holds up to censure and ridicule, and of its pervading tone of fervent piety and unfeigned good-will.

22. — *Palestine, Past and Present. With Biblical, Literary, and Scientific Notices.* By REV. HENRY S. OSBORN, A. M., Professor of Natural Science in Roanoke College, Salem, Va. With Original Illustrations and a New Map of Palestine, by the Author. Philadelphia: James Challen and Son. 1859. 8vo. pp. 600.

THIS book is the result of an extended tour in Palestine by an author previously well versed in the best literature of his theme, and conversant with the points demanding special research or verification. The work is in the form of an itinerary, interspersed as occasion serves with topographical discussion and Biblical criticism. It is adapted for reference by means of a copious index of subjects, and is also furnished with a Geographical Appendix, containing the name of every place mentioned in the Scriptures, with a list of the passages in which each is found, the modern name, when there is any, and the ascertained or reputed latitude and longitude. Among the numerous similar works of the day, we hardly know of one covering so much ground, which is so likely to attract and interest the cultivated reader; and where there is valuable material brought to light every year, the latest book is always in some respects the best authority. We ought not to omit the emphatic mention of the taste, skill, and even genius manifested in the mechanical execution of this

volume. It is beautifully printed, and adorned with two exquisite steel engravings by Sartain, five chromographic engravings richly tinted, numerous illustrations from wood, and one of the best and most available maps of Palestine we have ever seen, — all from drawings by the author.

23. — *The Land and the Book ; or, Biblical Illustrations drawn from the Manners and Customs, the Scenes and Scenery of the Holy Land.* By W. M. THOMSON, D. D., Twenty-five Years a Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. in Syria and Palestine. Maps, Engravings, etc. In 2 vols. New York: Harper and Brothers. 1859. 12mo. pp. 560, 614.

THIS work is inferior to the last named both in literary skill and in artistical beauty ; but it contains more and more various materials for the illustration of Scripture, is well arranged, has numerous maps and wood-cuts, and ample indexes. The author's long residence in Palestine, and his previous reputation as an explorer and collector in this field of research, render him, of course, peculiarly trustworthy in all that he states as from his own knowledge, and attach a high degree of authority to his opinions where exact knowledge cannot be obtained. These volumes are obviously intended for extensive circulation, and will be the means of popularizing a large amount of the information requisite for the intelligent perusal of the Bible.

24. — *Christian Morals.* By JAMES CHALLEN, Author of "The Gospel and its Elements," "Christian Evidences," "Cave of Macpelah," etc., etc. Philadelphia: James Challen and Son. 1859. 12mo. pp. 199.

THIS little compend of Christian ethics deserves the widest circulation. It is a simple exposition of the morality of the Gospel, in its forming principles, its ruling motives, its several heads of obligation, and its undoubted requisitions as applied to the present state of society. It is worthy of praise, equally as avoiding all speculations beyond the obvious sense of the sacred record, and as presenting that sense without abatement or compromise. It is long since we have felt the power of faithful evangelical preaching as we have in turning over these unpretending pages ; and we are careful to commend them emphatically, at once because there is nothing attractive in their form, and because there is so much of the highest wisdom in their contents.